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Jan. 2002-March 02	6,34,710	4,00,000	58,670	—
Total	26,62,920	16,50,00	1,76,250	4,90,560
WHEAT				
April 2001-June, 01	24,000			
July-2001-Sept., 01	24,000			
Oct. 2001-Dec., 01	24,000			
Jan. 2002-March, 02	24,000			
Total	96,000			

Distribution of sugar fortified with Vitamin-A

805. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to distribute subsidised sugar fortified with Vitamin-A to families living Below the Poverty Line (BPL) through the Public Distribtution Sytem (PDS);

(b) if so, the details of the proposal, including the price fixed and the quantity to be supplied to the BPL households;

(c) whether nutritional efficiency of the fortified sugar has been tested; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) At present, there is no proposal to distribute sugar fortified with Vitamin 'A' to families living Below Poverty Line (BPL) through the Public Distribution System (PDS).

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d) M/s. Shirpur Shetkari SSK Ltd., Shirpur, Distt. Dhule, Maharashtra have set up a Pilot Plant of one tonne per hour for production of sugar fortified with Vitamin 'A' with the financial assistance provided by the Government of India from Sugar Development Fund (SDF) and Micronutrient Initiative (MI), International Development Research Centre (IDRC), a Public Corporation of the Government of Canada. The efficacy studies of the sugar fortified with Vitamin 'A' have been undertaken by the National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad.